

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Environmental Management Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Energy

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Environmental Management Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

12

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/19/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/19/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGEN

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGEN

13. Effective Date

12/11/1991

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 2 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 2

Purpose

Public Meeting

Start

05/16/2018

End

- 05/16/2018

Public Meeting

09/11/2018

- 09/11/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$194,948.00	\$196,897.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$31,344.00	\$45,346.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$217,868.00	\$220,046.00

18d. Total	\$445,760.00	\$463,889.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.25	1.25

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management directs the Board to provide input, advice, and recommendations on various programmatic issues. In FY 2018, the Board focused on the topics of the CRESP Risk Review, Regulatory Reform, and innovation challenge options. In support of its mission, members met on May 16, 2018, and September 11, 2018, in open, public meetings to discuss and obtain information from appropriate senior EM managers. Board members also form subcommittees to research each topic and dialogue with the relevant EM program offices and officials. The information and insights gained from these efforts is used to develop formal reports and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary. All reports and recommendations are reviewed, discussed, and voted on by the full Board during EMAB's public meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Board members represent a variety of experience and expertise, including that of regulatory agencies, business and industry, academia, professional associations, and state, local, and tribal governments. In addition, the Board seeks assistance and input from stakeholder representatives and technical consultants.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The full Board meets semi-annually or as deemed appropriate by the Assistant Secretary. Board subcommittees may meet more frequently, depending on their charge. In FY 2018, EMAB held two public meetings. During full Board meetings, proposed recommendations to the Assistant Secretary are discussed and agreed upon in an open, public forum. These meetings also provide an opportunity for private citizens and other interested audiences that are not members of the Board to discuss issues relevant to the EM program.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

EMAB is the advisory body charged with providing advice and recommendations directly to the Assistant Secretary on corporate issues related to the entire EM program. These issues include, but are not limited to: project management and oversight activities, cost/benefit analyses, program performance, human capital development, science and technology, and contracts and acquisition strategies.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

EMAB's mission is continuing in nature.

Designated Federal Officer

Jennifer A. McCloskey Project Manager Office of Intergovernmental & Stakeholder Programs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Hedges, Jane	09/30/2011	09/30/2018	Ecology Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Huntoon, Carolyn	09/30/2011	09/30/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kearfott, Kimberlee	10/12/2016	09/30/2018	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lockhart, Frazer	09/30/2015	09/30/2019	Stoller Newport News Nuclear	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mustin, Tracy	09/30/2015	09/30/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pinkham, Josiah	04/27/2016	09/30/2018	Tribal Liaison	Representative Member
Price, Lessie	10/12/2016	09/30/2018	Aiken City Council	Representative Member
Ramsey, Beverly	09/30/2015	09/30/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rispoli, James	04/30/2018	04/30/2020	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Runyon, Timothy	09/30/2015	09/30/2019	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Swindle, Dave	10/12/2016	09/30/2018	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thompson, Robert	09/30/2015	09/30/2019	Energy Communities Alliance	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Shelly	04/27/2016	09/30/2018	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Board provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) concerning issues affecting the EM program. These issues include, but are not limited to, project management and oversight, cost/benefit analyses, program performance, human capital development, science and technology, and contracts and acquisition strategies.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety

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Trust in government

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Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Any significant program outcomes associated with the committee are contingent upon the scope of assigned activities and vary from year to year, based on the needs of the Assistant Secretary. However, the Board consistently focuses on improving stakeholder relations, which in turn increases trust in government. Many of the Board's recommendations, which generally do not focus on direct technical applications, address the delivery of effective and timely clean-up that meets departmental, regulator, and stakeholder requirements.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

The cost impacts of the Board's recommendations are not immediately quantifiable because the focus of the committee generally lends itself to greater programmatic improvements rather than direct technical applications.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

190

Number of Recommendations Comments

EMAB passed two formal recommendations in 2018. The members are still in the process of developing recommendations related to their current work topics, which will continue into 2019.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations are evaluated and considered by the EM senior staff in conjunction with the core mission of the EM program. An estimated 80% of the recommendations submitted over the life of the committee have been fully implemented. It should be noted that some recommendations are either financially or administratively impractical or impossible to fully implement.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

16%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

An attempt is always made to at least partially implement the Board's recommendations. However, it should be noted that some recommendations are either financially or administratively impractical or impossible to fully implement. An estimated 16% of the recommendations submitted over the life of the committee have been partially implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Assistant Secretary for EM and/or her senior staff provide feedback through written responses to Board observations and recommendations, and attend EMAB public meetings to report on EM progress and various programmatic issues.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Reorganized Priorities

Checked if Applies



Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

EMAB documents and information are available to the public by contacting the Board's Designated Federal Officer and via the EMAB website at <http://energy.gov/em/services/communication-engagement/environmental-management-advisory>. Furthermore, the semi-annual meetings are open to the public and are held at sites throughout the U.S.